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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Although the Black Panther Party has thrived on publicity and propoganda, an East Coast leader of the BPP recently was reputed to have said that the group, on a national scale, would be going "underground" in order to keep its activities quiet and secret.

Allegedly, the Black Muslims believe that originally all people were black and that beginning in 1984, black men will again rule the earth. Also that all whites are evil and that Christians and Jews alike are to be hated.

Recently Jim FARLEY of New York and Dana ROHRABACHER of California, two chapter chairmen of the Young Americans for Freedom, returned from Czechoslovakia where they met with students who were both anti-Communist and anti-collectivist. Reputedly, the purpose of the trip was to make contact with anti-Soviet student activists there and establish an outlet in the U. S. A. for information on conditions under the Russian occupation.

ROHRABACHER said his organization will attempt to keep the press and the Nixon administration abreast of Czechoslovakian student activism in order to maintain the current level of American concern for the Czech people.

The principal debate at the recently concluded National Council meeting of the SDS at Ann Arbor was waged between the SDS members who are also Progressive Labor Party members and SDSers who are not. Mike KLONSKY, SDS National Secretary who claims to have been a communist with a small "c" for only several months, advanced the proposal that SDS drop the purely student orientation and unite with the youth-at-large as a revolutionary youth movement. The KLONSKY supporters were able to vote down the PLP proposal uniting SDS with the working class thus continuing SDS as a radical voice of youth and students.

The meeting, which erupted in violence during the KLONSKY proposal debate also addressed itself to the topics of GI organizing,

high school organizing, women's liberation, racism and imperialism.

Perhaps the most surprising and probably the most significant factor to emerge from the Ann Arbor meeting was the apparent relative strength of the Progressive Laborites. It appears that the SDS national leadership presently consisting of Moscow-type communists and sympathizers was as surprised as the outside observer over the near take-over by the Maoist PLP. How could such a narrowly escaped take-over be possible? The answer is simple. While upwards of 1,000 individuals were present at Ann Arbor, only 150 were voting delegates. To become a voting delegate one must represent a chapter with at least five national members. National membership costs \$5 so many local SDSers don't bother to become national members. The Progressive Labor - Young Socialist Alliance group has been able to take advantage of this by getting all its local members to become national members thereby gaining votes out of proportion to its strength in the National organization.

Allegedly, the Black Liberation Army plans to raid a lower-middle-class residential area at Collins Park, New Castle, Delaware. The signal for the commencement of the raid will be a non-appearance for work of Negro sanitation employees servicing the Collins Park area.

Calendar of Tentatively Scheduled Activities

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

- January 20 An informant of unestablished reliability has provided information that it is rumored the Black Panther Party plans to assassinate Mayor John Reading of Oakland and Joseph Aliato of San Francisco on Inauguration Day. Local and federal officials in the San Francisco Bay area have been advised.
- January 21 *Wilmington, Delaware - People Against Racism, a militant protest group, and The Communications Network, Inc., New York City, a new left communications network, are sponsoring a demonstration at Wilmington, Delaware, to protest the continued presence of the Delaware National Guard at Wilmington.

The National Committee Against Repression in Wilmington has been formed to coordinate this demonstration and expects at least 1,000 individuals to participate. Some 25,000 leaflets have been mailed suggesting that Inaugural demonstrators stop over in Wilmington on their return from Washington.

January 22

*New Orleans, Louisiana - The oft-postponed trial of Clay SHAW on charges of conspiring in September 1963 to assassinate President John F. KENNEDY, is to start. Final defense moves to delay the trial again to quash the indictment and to move it at least 100 miles from New Orleans were turned down by Judge Edward A. HAGGERTY, Jr., on 14 January.

February 1969

*Austin, Texas - Austin SDS is considering the feasibility of demonstrating against Walt ROSTOW, special assistant to President JOHNSON, when he arrives at the University of Texas to take up duties as Professor of Economics. SDS is considering using the words "Pinkie" and "Commie" to describe Mr. ROSTOW.

March 3, 1969

*The trial of James Earl RAY will apparently start on schedule. Judge W. Preston BATTLE of the Memphis Criminal Court has ordered the public defenders office to assign as many persons as necessary to work with defense attorney Percy FOREMAN in order to meet the trial schedule.

March 16

*London, England - Mrs. Coretta KING, widow of Martin Luther KING, Jr., will be the first woman to preach at a regular service in St. Paul's Cathedral, according to authorities in London.

April 1969

The 19th Annual Convention of the CPUSA has been scheduled for this time.

April 6, 1969

(Easter Sunday) - At the sparsely attended "National GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference" held in Chicago December 27-29, it was announced that a large series of demonstrations would be held in six or seven U. S. cities on Easter Sunday. Cities mentioned are: Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Atlanta, and possibly Los Angeles. The reason for planning local rather than large national demonstrations was to facilitate more local GI participation in various parts of the U. S. The Conference resolved to seek the support of the NMC for

the April 6 demonstrations.

SOURCE: Government and news media

RELIABILITY: Probably true